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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1951

Dear General Smith:

As you may know, the NIS Committee has been interested for some time in having the National Intelligence Survey on Japan produced while United States Forces still occupy that country. The Committee has been aware that certain SCAP personnel have been engaged in preparing monographs on various aspects of the occupation and assembling files and notes for that purpose, much of which material would be of assistance in preparing the Sociological, Political, and Economic Chapters of the Japan Survey, for which Chapters the Department of State is responsible.

In June, 1951, the NIS Coordinator visited Tokyo and while there, agreed with officers of my staff that arrangements should be made to employ certain of the SCAP personnel best qualified to write the appropriate NIS Chapters, upon release from their military duties. These persons, now employed by the Civil Historical Section of SCAP, were scheduled to be returned to the United States upon completion of their work with SCAP this fall.

As a result of this decision, and after discussions on the subject between the Department of State and the Department of the Army, SCAP has agreed to transfer the designated personnel from the Civil Historical Section to the Diplomatic Section of SCAP to be employed there for the NIS purposes mentioned. It has been agreed further that the Army will be reimbursed by the Department of State for all services these personnel perform on NIS, Japan and that the Civil Historical Section will allow the group to have access to its materials and draft monographs. It is planned that this work will be completed by early June, 1952, and that the personnel concerned will be returned to the United States at that time.

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General Walter B. Smith,  
Director of Central Intelligence,  
Washington 25, D. C.

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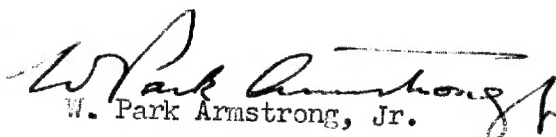
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Unfortunately, the Department's NIS appropriation for the fiscal year 1952 is fully encumbered; and, since NIS Japan was not provided for on the fiscal year 1952 production schedule, additional funds in the amount of \$47,230 are estimated to be required if the Department is to undertake the production of these Chapters in this fiscal year. I understand that the CIA Coordinator for NIS has reviewed this estimate in detail and believes it to be sound.

If you concur in the arrangements described above, I would appreciate your authorizing an allocation to the Department of \$47,230 for the purpose outlined.

Sincerely yours,

  
W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

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